Curtailing of the Activities of ITDC

3571. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a well-planned strategy is being worked out in the Ministry with the help of some senior officials of ITDC to curtail the activities of ITDC enshrined in its Memorandum of Articles and Association so as to help the private sector in the field of accommodation| catering and transport services; and

(b) if so, what are the facts of the case and what steps are being taken against such officials to save ITDC, a public sector enterprise, from the clutches of such bureaucrats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Selling of Various Units to State Governments by ITDC

3572. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ITDC is selling its various units to State Governments|Corporations on book value basis on the plea that these are losing units and thus is losing its all India character;

(b) if so, whether this has the approval of the Central Government; and

(c) whether State Governments would be able to run these units more efficiently than the ITDC and earn profits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) With the approval of the Government of India the ITDC management has transferred ten of its Travellers Lodges and four Restaurants to the respective State Governments/Corporations on book value for more effective supervision, control and management and for integration with the tourism infrastructure in the respective States.

Expansion of ITDC Activities

3573. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the specific plans schemes and aims and objectives of the ITDC management during the Seventh Plan period to strengthen and expand its existing activities and also to increase its on activities in the new areas for the promotion of tourism in the country; including domestic tourism, other than joint venture schemes; and

(b) what are the details of the ITDC properties|units in catering and transport spheres which have been transferred to the State Governments/Tourism Corporations and also closed down during the last three years alongwith the reasons and justifications in each case and the number of employees who were working in each of these activities at the time of transfering|closing down and also the book value and commercial value of each property, unitwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) ITDC's role during the Seventh Five Year Plan in accordance with the guidelines of the Planning Commission is to consolidate and improve the working of its existing